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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 13 Section III

Serial Nos. 1-15

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Month November 1908

SUBJECT.

File relating to the Dacoity which took place at the Sri Nara Simha Swami Temple at Sibi in Sira Taluk

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

MUZRAI SECRETARIAT

OFFICE NOTE.

Dacoity File No. 13

SUBJECT.

Dacoity in the Sri Narasimhaswami temple at Sibi in the Soraba Taluk.

From

The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District.

Letter No. 175, Dated 19th September 1907.

In July last, the Deputy Commissioner of the Tumkur District, reported that on the night of the 12th idem, the temple of Sri Narasimhaswami at Sibi in the Soraba Taluk was dacoited by a gang of Kaudavis and that property estimated at Rs 3992-8-0 was lost. That communication was recorded and the I. G. of Police was requested to issue needful instructions to the District Police Officers to take immediate and effective steps for finding out the culprits and recovering the stolen property.

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The Deputy Commissioner was at the same time requested to report why so much valuable property was allowed to be kept in the temple apparently without proper guard and why the iron-safe was not properly locked and secured which made it easy for the dacoits to break open the safe.

In reply, the Deputy Commissioner states that the temple and the jewellery are under the direct management of Mr. Nallappa under the authority of a Sanad, that the temple is guarded at night by 2 Police Constables and the temple servants and some villagers. He further states that the lock of the iron safe was out of order but that the Manager Mr. Nallappa had made other arrangements to secure it by fitting it with a Chubb's lock, but that this was not so satisfactory as the old lock, and that before the old lock could be repaired

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the dacoity in question took place. The Deputy Commissioner adds that the dacoits entered the temple at nightfall, that before they could leave the temple, a ~~cordon~~ lot of people collected outside, but the dacoits made their exit through a small wicket gate which had not been guarded.

Submitted) The result of the Police investigation is not known.

The result of the Police investigation may be awaited

Submitted to the 2d ½ / 27/4/07

Issue the draft put up 10/10/07

28/9/07

Draft ready 28/4/07

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GPB—3,000—22-6-06

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(note Continued) The Inspector General of Police ~~Commissioner~~ reports that a Khandari by name Amir Jada (Son-in-law of Sherdil Khan who was convicted in the Goa temple dacoity case) was arrested and placed with a charge sheet before the Maddagiri Sub-Division Magistrate. The ~~Dog~~ Magistrate after holding the preliminary enquiry discharged the accused discrediting the identification of the accused by the watcher of the temple on the ground of his being weak in eye-sight.

(His no. 3689/328 Dy 28th Nov. 07)

Read the draft & approved 11/12/07

Read over 9/12/07

C.I.

Submitted.

6/12/07

The Dy. Commr. may be requested to report what action he has taken for recovering the value of the jewels lost. And the I.G. of Police requested that every endeavour should be made to trace out the culprits and the jewels lost, without allowing the matter to be dropped?

7/12/07

Submitted to the 2nd J. 248

8/12/1907

Approved

9/12/07

I.G. of Police

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Note Court :—

In reply to the above, the Deputy Court states that the jewels and other articles that were lost could be recovered only from the arrest of the Dacoits, that the jewels which might be recovered by the Police in the course of investigation will be put up before the Magistrate and that if he Commits the Case to the Sessions, the property identified as belonging to the temple will be handed over to it.

Govt Pro: No 51-60 dy 3 dy Nov 1892 is submitted herewith. In all cases of loss of jewels in temples whether by theft, dacoity or otherwise, the Govt have directed the recovery of their value from the Servants concerned notwithstanding that the culprits were let off by the Courts.

Submitted

GPB—3,000—22-6-06

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Request the Inspector Genl of Police to furnish information regarding the further steps taken to detect the culprits & the jewels

Inform the Commr that the intention of Govt conveyed in para 3 of the Govt order was about recovering the value of the jewels from the temple servants in accordance with the standing rule of the Muzrai Department and request his opinion on that point.

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Note contd

The Inspector General of Police and the Deputy Commissioner were written to as directed above. In reply, the Inspector General forwards confidentially, for the information of Govt, copy of a report submitted by Inspector Abdul Gani, who was deputed to detect the culprits concerned in the dacoity committed in the Sri Narasimhaswami temple at Sibi in the Sira Taluk, and states that 3 culprits have been placed under arrest and property worth nearly Rs 325/- have been traced till now.

2. The same Inspector has been again deputed to Bombay and Hyderabad where some more gangs are said to be hiding. The result is promised to be communicated hereafter.

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16-5-08

Submd with a draft letter
to the 2nd
Approved
15/5/08
15/5/08

File No. of 190 | Muzrai Secretariat

GPB—3,000—25-9-07

1907—08

To
The Inspector
General of
Police
in Mysore...
Bangalore

Dated 14th July'

Robbery or
Dacoity with
attempt to cause
death or grievous
Hurt section
397 IPC

1 Name of informant and
2 outline of Complt

The Annual date
of fair in Taluk
reports that a
report for com. the
Offence u/s of
Jagalli station

was no news of
Brij Prim at 5 A.m
on 13.7.97 stating
that notorious
10 & 22 Dacoits
of Mecharal station
of Tumkur Dalus
informed him
that at 7 P.m
on the 12th instant
seven robbers
entered the temple
of Sri Veerabhadra
swami of Seebi
and beat-6 or 7
inmates of the
temple, that they
have open the door
of the treasure
chamber and
carried away
gold and precious

stones ornaments
value d. at Rs
3992-8-0 and
the act- he is —
proceeding
to the spot- with
men to be at the
jungles near —
about-. —

3 Name of Police officer present- and steps taken &c

The Asst Collr has proceeded to the spot- and taken up the investigation of the case

5 When and to whom reported. —

on 13.7-17 to the Regd asst Collr and the Collr ma gistrate Madanapalli Division.

Note. The Superintendent of Police

was in a crowded
street car on way
to [illegible]
The last I heard
[illegible] was still
at the Superintendent
of Police work
[illegible] is still dead.
The Brigade
Quartermaster told
me, Committed
this offence, the
Superintendents
[illegible] Police
Court, on Middens
was to form guard
and [illegible] Military
[illegible]
[illegible] was born
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Madassima and
Penamonda have
also been informed
by wire of the
occurrence.

Sd/- P R Kalyana
— sundaram
Head Quarter
Inspector of Pols
Tirunelveli.

No. L6.
15.7.07. Copy
forwarded
Copy of the above is forwarded
to the Deputy Commissioner's
Office Migrai Department Tinnevelly
District for information.

By order
P R Kalyana sundaram
Head Quarters
Inspector of
Police
Tirunelveli Division

Rec'd 16/7/07.

Office of the
Superintendent of Police, Tumkur Dist:
Dated, Tumkur, 14th July 1907

/ List of property reported to have been robbed from the Siva temple, of the Tumkur District, on the night of 12th July 07.

		Rs.	as.	P
1.	One Simhalalata Padaka, set with 5 rubies, 2 emeralds and 11 genuine pearls of about the size of a bengal gram seed. It had a ruby for the tongue and 21 Blue stones	500	–	–
2.	One Emerald Padaka set with 23 emeralds, 18 rubies, 7 diamonds, one pearl and one Vidwan (? Viro ?).	300	–	–
3.	One gold Patte Addike with Padaka set with 2 Rubies, 28 diamonds and 5 pearls valued at	100	–	–
4.	One gold Malagejjesara with 24 gold heads and one Kirusiru Kanjee.	50	–	–
5.	One pearl Bade with 6 big pearls and 3 small Pearls	15	–	–
6.	One Ruby Addakumkumada botte	25	–	–
7.	One gold Nalaisara (three rows) with about 99 heads.	120	–	–
8.	One gold Nilakada Padaka with 17 rubies, 12 diamonds & 3 emeralds.	100	–	–
9.	One gold Kadaga with 2 screws.	50	–	–
10.	A pair of gold Kalugejjesara with 24 gejjes. (heads).	40	–	–
11.	One hollow Thaytisara with 16 Thayathis and one Kupsa.	30	–	–
12.	One pair of small Kaikatte with 6 gold heads and 8 Corals.	30	–	–
13.	One of a pair of gold Jumki with 30 pearls.	15	–	–
14.	One three stringed Thulasimani Sara Stringed in gold wire	10	–	–

15. One gold Ashtasalaka Lundma Sara with 57 heads ..... 50-- --

16. One Pasaka set with 14 rubies, 14 emeralds and 12 diamonds ..... 150-- --

17. One gold beads string with 54 gold beads. 25-- --

18. One pair Karnabharana set with 32 rubies and 2 diamonds ..... 20-- --

19. One pair of Karnajwalé with pearl Sarapanies and a pair of Junki. The Sarapanies Contain 52 pearls strung in gold wire. The Junki Contains 26 pearls. Attached to the Junkies are, a pair of Voles with 26 rubies and 37 pearls. All these are fixed to the Karnajwalé. 350-- --

20. One gold Dooda Lundmasara with 45 gold beads. It has a pasaka set with pearls and 2 Voles 2 pasakas one ruki Lundubutta ..... 150-- --

21. One peacock Nattu with 9 Coral, 11 rubies and one diamond. ..... 7-- --

22. One diamond Nasi Jotti ..... 2-- --

23 One gold Bande weighing 5 ..... 100-- --

24. One Bansi made of Silver ..... with gold. ..... 3-- --

25. One Pouchi Vonki with 19 beads ..... 1-- --

26. One Sayantsavara Kireeta, ... red mixed up ..... 6-- --

27. One Kanchi Katti with 12 pearls and 10 rubies ..... 25-- --

28. One gold Silaka belonging to the Chamara Vonki ..... 2-- --

29 A pair of gold Jadakuchu ..... 1-- --

30. One Kédigé Nékku ..... --

31 One Jadi Billé. ..... 5-- --

32. One Bulakku with 3 rubies, one diamond and one pearl ..... 24-- --

33. One Mallagejje Sara Chakra. ..... 5-- --

34. One Coral string (2 rowed) with 5 gold beads ..... 10-- --

35. One gold Kiekini Bavale with 2 ..... --

36. One pair gold Kankatta with 10 Corals ..... 5-- --

37. One gold umbrella 10-0-0

38. One double rowed gold beads string strung in silver wire with 70 beads ... 30-0-0

39. One diamond Hané [illegible] with one Ruby and a pearl 20-0-0

40. One gold umbrella 5-0-0

41. One gold Thálé in silver Chain. 20-0-0

42. 30 gold Antigundu and 2 Ashta-dalada Gundu 15-0-0

43. One pair of gold Antigundu with [illegible] beads and one Thálé 20-0-0

44. One gold Antigundu with 49 gold beads, 2 Kódéaddike & one Padaka 30-0-0

45. One beads sara with 82 beads 20-0-0

46 One gold Thalisara with 47 beads, 4 Gejjes, 2 Kallies, 2 Corals and 1 Thalé 100-0-0

47 One pair Chandra Muras 50-0-0

48 One pair of gold Vále with 2 Gunkies & Sarapanis and 72 Ashtadalada Gundus 75-0-0

49. One gold Tali strung in silver Chain. 25-0-0

50. One pair of gold muras 5-0-0

51. One silver Shadagópura weighing half a seer 30-0-0

52. Black cloth 2½ yds: in length with silk red, Blue borders 1-8-0

53. One red silk Kaubharate cloth. (do new). 5-0-0

54. One laced purple silk cloth (do new) 10-0-0

55. 2 Reo Kaubharate silk cloth (do new). 10-0-0

56. Two Vajjiranzies with silver beads & Corals 400-0-0

57. Two Kireetans of the shape of a Chombu and 3 Ammanavara Kireeta 200-0-0 100-0-0

58. One Copper Shadagópara 1-0-0

59. One Sword 5-0-0

60. 5 Hall Screens ..... -0-0

3845-8-0

Property belonging to Chatrada Parpattidar Saranagoda Kept in a Lacquered box in the temple locked in the Dacoity

61. One silver Panchapatre weighing about 30 Tolas 25-0-0

62. A pair of silver Kala weighing 40 tolals 30-0-0

63. One Gold Hansowanatalisara Coutaining
4 Gold heads, 4 Thaytis weighing about
9 Varahas. 50-0-0
64. One pair of Gold Voles weighing 3 Varahas 18-0-0
65 A pair of Gold Thagaduna kalé 18-0-0
66. A pair of Silver Pagada weighing
8 or 9 Tolas 6-0-0

Total Rs. 147-0-0

Grand Total Rs: 3992-8-0

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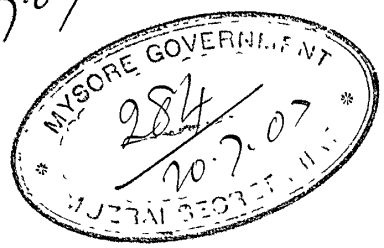

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

To The Secy to the Govt.
of H.H. the Maha Rajah
of Mysore Mus. Dept.

Dated 18th
Despatched Do
Received
General No. } July 1907
No. 36

Enclosure No. Nil & Two.

Reporting a case
of Robbery or Dacoity
that occurred in the
Sri Narasimha Swamy
Temple at Sibi in the
Sira Taluk on the
12th Instant.

Deputy Commissioner's Office,
Tumkur District.

Dated, Tumkur, 18th July 1907.

From

K. Dora Swamie Iyer Esqr
Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District.

To

L. Anantaswamie Rao Esqr B.A.
Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maha Rajah of Mysore
Mhozrai Department.
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to report a case of Robbery or Dacoity with attempt to cause Death or Grievous Hurt under Section 397 I.P.C. that occurred in the Sri Narasimha Swamie Temple at Sibi in the Sira Taluk at 7-30 P.M. on the 12th Instant. The property lost consisting of Jewels, mostly of gold and precious stones is valued at Rupees 3992-8-0. The perpetrators of the crime

have not yet been traced. Some Khandaries are suspected to have Committed the crime. The Police have been taking pains to find out the culprits.

A Copy of the Police First Information Report together with an inventory of the property robbed is herewith submitted for information

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant.

For Deputy Commissioner.

No 1/

Draft for approval.

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Draft subt. to the 2d Councillor for approval. RR 30/7/07

Issued as corrected by the Councillor RR 31/7/07

Read:-

Letter No. 36, dated 18th July 1907, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District reporting that on the night of the 12th instant, idem ~~a robbery~~ or dacoity occurred in the Sri Narasimhaswami temple at Sibi in the Sira Taluk, was decorted by a sadhu and that property estimated at Rs 3,992-8-0 was lost, and also stating that the Police are taking vigorous steps for the detection of the culprit.

G. Kandaris

No. 672-3 dy 3.8.07.

Recorded.

2. The I. G. of Police is requested to issue needful instructions to the District Police Officers to take immediate and effective steps for finding out the

and recovering the stolen property
culprits, ~~as early as possible~~.

3 - The Deputy Commissioner is requested to report ~~the results~~ why so much valuable property was allowed to be kept in the Temple apparently without proper guard & why the Iron safe was not properly ~~kept~~ locked & secured 31/7/07 which made it easy for the dacoits to break open the safe of the Police ~~investigation for the information of Govt~~

Secretary.
M 29.7.07

To
The D. C. of Police in Mysore.
Deputy Commissioner,
Kumbum District

MYSORE GOVERNMENT
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21.9.07

Read 21/9/07 Rep per please.
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Please continue the note
soon.
21/9/07

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From The Deputy Commr
Tumkur Distt

To The Secretary to the
Govt of H. H. the Maha
Rajah of Mysore Mily
Dept

Dated 19th
Despatched Do } September
Received } 1907

General No.
No. 175

Enclosure No.

Govt order no 672-3
dated the 30th Augt 07.

Reporting in detail
how the property
worth Rs 3992-8-0
was allowed to be kept
in the Sri Narasimha
Swamie temple at
Sibi, Sira Taluk

Deputy Commissioner's office,
Tumkur District
Dated, Tumkur, 19th September
1907

From

T. Desa Swamy Iyer Esqr
Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

To,

The Dewan Peishkar B.A.
Secretary to the Government
of H.H. the Maha Rajah of
Mysore, Miscellaneous Department
Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to para
2 of Government Proceedings
No 6722 dated the 30 August
1907 requiring why property
worth Rs. mentioned in RO 3992-8-
was allowed to be kept in the
Sri Venkatramana Swamy temple
at Sira in the Sira Taluk
instead proper guard, I
have the honor to state that
the jewels and the jewelry

and other property are under the direct management of Mr. Nallappa under the authority of a Samad.

2. The temple is guarded at night by 2 Police Constables and the temple Servants and some villagers.

3. The lock of the iron safe was out of order but the Manager Mr. Nallappa had made other arrangements to secure it by fitting it with a Chubb's lock but this was not so satisfactory as the old lock. Before the old lock could be repaired the dacoity in question took place. The dacoits entered at about night fall. (Before they

could leave the temple a lot of people collected. The dacoits could make their escape only through a small wicket gate. At first they gave themselves up for lost seeing the people collected outside. The Exit could have been guarded by one man and yet the people allowed the robbers to escape.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant.

M. Swaminathan
2nd Asst Deputy Commissioner

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draft as per Dis orders.
Murrai
Sd 4

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Read:-

Letter No. 175, dated 9th September 1907, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, submitting with reference to Govt. Pro: No. 672-3, dated the 3rd August 1907, a further report regarding the property decorated from the Sri Narasimhaswami temple at Sibi in the Sira Taluk, on the night of the 12th July 1907.

Order thereon:-

Recorded

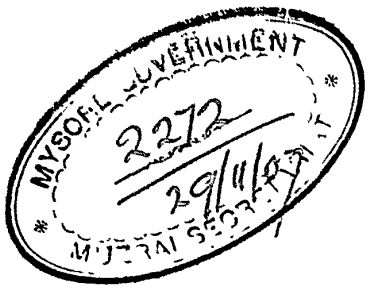
2. The result of the Police investigation is awaited.

(Dis order)

10/10/07
Secretary.

To
The Deputy Commr., Tumkur Dt
& D. G. of Police in Mysore.

P.No. 1995-6a/18.10.07



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FROM

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Gen. & Rev. Depts.

Muzrai Department.

Dated 28

Despatched 28 November 1907

Received

General No. 3689

No. 338

Enclosure No. 1

Reports into the case of dacoity that occurred in Sibi, Tumkur Dt.

GPB—1,000—3-1-07

No. 3689 Ext/ 338

OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

Dated Bangalore, 28th November 1907.

FROM

F. E. C. CARR, ESQ.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To L. Anantasami Rao Esq., B.A.,
~~K. S. CHANDRASEKHARA AIYAR, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,~~
Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
~~*General and Revenue Departments.*~~
Muzrai Department.

SIR

Adverting to Government Proceedings No. 1995-6 dated 18-10-1907 regarding the case of dacoity which occurred in the temple of Sri Narasimhaswami at Sibi in the Sira Taluk of the Tumkur District, I have the honour to forward herewith for the information of Government copy of letter No. 298 dated 18-11-1907 from the Superintendent of Police, Tumkur District, reporting that a Khandari by name Amir Jada was arrested in connection with the above case and placed with a charge sheet before the Maddagiri Sub Division Magistrate and that he was discharged under section 209 Criminal Procedure Code.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

F. E. C. Carr

Inspector General of Police.

NO: 298. Dated 18th November 1907.

From

Y. V. Krishnamurti Esq., B.A.,
Superintendent of Police, Tumkur District.

To

F. E. C. Carr Esquire,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No. 2889/160 dated 31st ultimo forwarding copy of Government Proceedings No. 1995-6 dated 18th October 1907 and calling for a report in re the investigation of the Sibi temple dacoity case, and in continuation of my letter No. 175 dated 19th September 1907, I have the honor to report as follows:-

On information received by the special duty Inspectors, Sundara Rao and Venkataramaniah, that one Amir Jada, son-in-law of Sherdil Khan, who was convicted in the Goa temple dacoity case, might have been concerned in the Sibi case, the Inspectors proceeded to Tolalu in the Belur Taluk, Hassan District, with Durga the watcher of the temple and showed him the man. As Durga was positive in identifying him as the person that stood in front of him threatening to beat him and eventually beat him also, he was arrested and his house searched with the result that a pair of khaki trousers, a khaki waist coat, a laced kulla and a red handkerchief were found. These were seized as it was mentioned in the statements of the inmates of the temple on the day in question that the dacoits had worn khaki trousers, waist coat and kullas. It was ascertained during the enquiry that Amir Jada had sold a silk Mugata to one Jenna Iyengar of Belur for Rs 8/- on or about the 7th September 1907, on questioning Jenna Iyengar he produced the Mugata sold to him by Amir Jada which was identified by the temple servants as belonging to the temple. As

further enquiries did not disclose anything more and as the identification was positive, Amir Jada was placed before the Maddagiri Sub Division Magistrate with a charge sheet. The Magistrate after holding the preliminary enquiry discharged the accused discrediting the identification by Durga on the ground of his being weak in eye-sight.

I have &c.,

(Signed) Y. V Krishnamurti.

Superintendent of Police, Tumkur Dt.

" C O P Y "

Inspector General of Police.

12.12.07.

Office of the Murrar

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Read :— Letter no. 3689/338 dt 28th November 1907, from the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore reporting on the dacoity committed in the Sri Narasimha-Swami temple at Sibi in the Sira Taluk on the night of the 12th July 1907.

13-1900

No. 2796-78/13.12.07.

Order thereon—No.

The Inspector General of Police in the letter read above reports that a Khandani by name Amir Jada- (son-in-law of Sherdil Khan who was convicted in the Goa temple dacoity case)

was arrested and placed
with a charge sheet before
the Maddagiri Sub-
-Division Magistrate of
that the Magistrate
after holding the preliminary
enquiry discharged the
accused discrediting
the identification of the
accused by the watcher
of the temple on the
ground of his being
weak in eye-sight.

2. The Inspector General's
letter is requested to see
letter is recorded with the
observation that every
endeavour is made
should be made
to trace out the culprits
and the jewels lost without
allowing the matter to
be dropped.

The Deputy

Commissioner is requested
to report what action
he has taken for —
recovering the value
of the Jewels lost & lost

11/12/07

H C's order)

Secretary

14/12/07

To

The Inspector General of Police
Deputy Commissioner
Jumkur Dt

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From
The Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

To
The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Dated 28 March 1908
Despatched 30th
Received
General No. 519
No.

Enclosure No.

Reporting on the action taken for recovering the value of jewels lost in the dacoity committed in the Sri Narasimhaswami temple at Sibi, Sira Taluk

Reply
and
31/3/08
by
note Contd 18/4/08

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District
Dated the 28th March 1908

—

From

K. Doraswami Iyer Esq
Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

To.

L. Anantasami Rao Esq B.A.
Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Revenue Department.

Sir,

Referring to para 3 of Government Order no 7796–7. dated 13th December 1907, enquiring what action was taken for recovering the value of jewels lost in the dacoity committed in the Sri Narasimha-swami temple at Sibi in the Sira Taluk, I have the honour to state that the jewels and other articles that were lost could be recovered only from the arrest of the dacoits. Whatever jewels might be recovered by the Police in the course of their investigation will be put up before the Magistrate, and if he commits the case to the Sessions and the property is identified there as belonging to the temple, the Court will order its restoration.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
K Doraswami
Asst to
Deputy Commissioner

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

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13-00

From

L ANANTASAMI RAO, Esq, B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

To

The Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District.

Dated

Despatched 30.4.08.

Received

General No. 4853
Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure No One

His letter No. 579, dated 28th March 1908, furnishing opinion in the matter of the recovery of the jewels lost in the dacoity committed in the Sri Narasimha swami temple at Sibi in the Sira Taluk, on the night of the 12th July 1907.

Has the honor to observe that in the above it is stated that the jewels and other articles

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ost could be recovered only on the
arrest of the culprits and restored
to the temple when identified as
belonging to the Instn. With reference
to this, attention is invited to para 3
of Govt Pro: No. 2796-7, dated 18th
December 1907, from which it ~~may~~ will
be observed ~~understood~~ that the intention
of Govt was about recovering the
value of the lost jewels from the
temple servants in accordance
with the standing rule of the Muzrai
Deptt as contained in Govt Pro: No. 51-60,
dated 3rd Nov. 1892, a printed copy
of which is enclosed for ready reference.
The Deputy Commissioner is requested
to furnish his opinion on this point ~~at~~
~~the earliest date~~

By order,

29/11/08

Secretary

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From

L ANANTASAMI RAO, Esq, B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

To

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore

Dated

Despatched 30.4.08.

Received

General No. 4852.

Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure No

Sir,

In continuation of Govt Ro: No. 2796-7, dated 13th December 1907, I am directed to request the favor of your informing me what further steps have been taken to detect the culprits concerned and recover the jewels lost in the recent dacoity committed in the Sri Narasimhaswami temple at Sibi in the Sira Taluk.

2. The favour of an early reply is requested.

I have &c

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Secretary

Office of the Inspector-General of Police in Mysore,

Dated Bangalore, 8 May 1908.

From

D. Devaraj Urs Esquire,

Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

L. Anantasami Rao Esquire B.A.,

Secretary to the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai ~~General and Revenue~~ *Department.*

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.4852 Dated the 30th April 1908, requesting to be informed of the steps taken for the detection of the Sibi temple dacoity, I have the honour to forward for the information of Government copy of report submitted by Inspector Abdul Gani who was deputed on this duty. Since the date of this report another Pathan by name Syedajan who is understood to have had a hand in the dacoity has been placed under arrest. Thus it will be seen that 3 culprits with property worth nearly Rs.325/- have been traced till now.

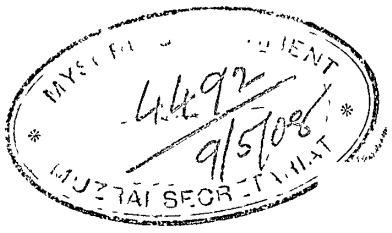
I have sent the Inspector again on this duty towards Bombay and Hyderabad where some more of the gang are said to be in hiding. The result will be duly intimated.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Inspector General of Police.



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FROM

The Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore, ~~Gen. & Rev.~~ Depts.
Hussai

Dated 7th
Despatched 8th } May 1908.

Received

General No. S. B. 375
No.

Enclosure No. 1 file.

Forwarding for information copy of report submitted by Detective Inspector Abdul Gani in Sibi temple decoity case

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GPB—500—17-12-07

Report of B. Abdul Gani, Chief Detective Inspector, Kolar Gold Fields in the Sibi Temple Dacoity case.

P a r t. I.

In obedience to the Inspector General's orders deputing me to work up the Sibi Temple Dacoity case, I left the Gold Fields on the 6th January and proceeded to Tumkur and thence visited Sira and Sibi to collect information and to acquaint myself with the circumstances of the case. I remained in the above places till the 15th idem.

In my enquiries I elicited that a cartman of Sira who had gone to Sibi, observed some strangers in the evening of the occurrence at the Bandewankatti which is close to the Temple. Thinking that this individual may afford a clue as to the identity of the persons, I went to Sira, but the man was absent. I then tried with the assistance of the local Inspector to ascertain his whereabouts but nobody could say in which direction he had gone to ply his cart and when he was expected back considering it a waste of time to wait for the cartman, I returned to Tumkur and requested the Head Quarter Inspector to interrogate in the matter, but I have heard nothing from him as yet.

In my investigation at the scene of occurrence I was fully of opinion that the dacoity had been committed by Pathans.

The recent reports of the C.I.D. Inspector Mr. Ghulam Khassim Khan of Simla also strengthened my opinion in this direction.

As there are many Pathans in Hubli I decided to visit that town first. On my arrival there I was informed that Ameerzada and his friend Ramchand were both in the place. The former had been tried in this case at Tumkur.

Hoping to obtain some information I remained in Hubli for three days. In the course of which I met several Pathans and spoke

spoke to them including Ameerzada and Ramchand, but could get no clue in the case, I was working on. I also obtained independent information regarding the antecedents of the Pathans that were then there but it was not useful to me. I was also told that one of the Pathans named Meervalli had buried some property near Hubli but on closer enquiry I learnt that this Pathan and some others had committed a robbery some years ago that side and that the propety now concealed by Meervalli partly belonged to that case. This information was corroborated by the Local Police. I have mentioned these particulars in my previous report together with which I submitted a note drawn by the Sub Inspector of Hubli.

As my visit to Hubli was futile, I left directly for Bombay which is the rendezvous of the Pathans. There I discovered very many Pathans living in different localities and the suburbs. With the object of studying them I made the acquaintance of several Pathans and associated with them freely. In conversation I gleaned much information which gave me an idea of their criminal pursuits. I also ascertained that one Ramchand was a confidential friend of a notorious Pathan by name Sahibzada. With the greatest difficulty I cultivated his friendship and got into his confidence, after which he gave out the story told to him by Sahibzada. The latter appears to have expressed that he and five other Pathans looted a temple in the direction of Bellary and that they sold the booty at Sholapur. This, I thought, must be our case as no temple dacoities had been committed in Bellary recently. I therefore engaged the services of this informant and in further conversation ascertained the names of the confederates of Sahibzada. I subsequently learnt that some of them were at Poona and Sholapur. Considering this information reliable I at once decided to go to Poona, but on arrival at the latter place no Pathans were to be seen. Thence I proceeded to Sholapur and moved about ~~their~~ that city in the guise of a merchant from Hyderabad.

Thence

There, I traced a friend of Sahibzada in the person of one Mahomed Khan alias Hafiz Jee. This Pathan was once tried for complicity in the Goa dacoity but acquitted. Then I turned to collect information about his movements in Sholapur. He has been a Paish Imam for some years in the local mosque and has often been meeting several of his Pathan friends.

I was able to gather information to the effect that this man had absented himself from that city about 6 months ago and previous to his departure, He informed the local Police Inspector that he was proceeding to Hyderabad to collect some dues and obtained a certificate as to his conduct and calling. I also gathered that his friends who met there gradually dispersed about the time that Mahomed Khan had left Sholapur.

Turning my attention in the direction of the receivers I secured the names of the Marwadi-goldsmith and the Shroff who had purchased some jewels from Mahomed Khan and his friends on their return to Sholapur. After convincing myself that I was on the right track, I gave a written requisition to the Inspector to arrest Mahomed Khan and to try and to recover the property he had sold to the Shroff and that which may be found in his possession, and assured him that I was in possession of certain facts that would justify the arrest and search. The Pathan was sent for and the Sub Inspector and myself taxed him seriously about the Sibi dacoity and in order to make him yield, I confronted all the facts and circumstances and refuted the story of his having gone to Hyderabad. Finding himself in a hopeless position, he made a clean breast of it. Although a hardened criminal, yet he appears to be comparatively better than the criminals of his ~~class~~ class. The Sub Inspector noted details of the doings of this man and the other members of the gang as stated by him in connection with the Sibi dacoity. In persuance of this confession we recovered a small quantity of jewellery which was still retained by this Pathan. One of the jewels was in good condition and corresponded exactly to the description given in the list of jewels stolen from the Sibi Temple. The accused also

added that Sahibzada had sold his share of the booty to a local goldsmith, a Marwadi by caste and that himself Syeda Jan and Sudam Khan disposed of their shares to one Ramchander, a local Shroff. He also added that Amin Khan one of the gang, did not agree as to the price the Shroff offered and took back his share of the jewels. The above named Shroff was demanded to produce what property he had brought from the Pathans. He produced 2 Padakas-2 pieces of Karna-Barna,-19 diamonds and 3 pearls and as for the remainder he explained that as they were crushed he had melted and disposed of the gold. The Shroff corroborated the statement of the accused Mahomed Khan in every detail and has described Amin Khan as the person who took back his share.

He subsequently identified Amin Khan in the Bombay Dongry Jail. I tried my best with the Marwadi goldsmith but he totally denied all knowledge. I searched his house but nothing connected with our case was discovered.

Out of the 6 shares, 3 were received by Ramchander, who has produced the jewels and precious stones he had still with him and is willing to return the sale proceeds of the melted jewels. The 4th share that is, Sahibzada's, which is said to have been sold to one Kanniran of Sholapur is not likely to be recovered until Sahibzada is arrested. Acting upon the above information I proceeded to Bombay and had Amin Khan arrested. In course of enquiry I learnt that when Syeda Jan was arrested in Bombay at the instance of Inspector Sundar Rao this Pathan (Amin Khan) was also searched at the time and I hear that he was found in possession of Rs.200/-. This circumstance leads me to believe that the money which he possessed must have been the sale proceeds of his share and that he had disposed of his booty at Sholapur alone I tried my utmost to elicit some clue but Amin Khan was too shrewd to give out anything.

Nobody could say where Mir Afzal the 6th man has disposed of his share of the booty as also all the silver articles, as he is declared to have separated himself from the gang at Bellary

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and has not been seen in those parts ever since.

At the commencement of my enquiry I learnt that this Pathan (Mir Afzal) was seen in Bangalore after the occurrence. Perhaps he had come this side to dispose of his share or to ward off suspicion. I do not know which. When these men are arrested we may hope to recover some more property.

Upon my request the City Magistrate of Sholapur forwarded the property seized there to the District Magistrate, Tumkur together with the records.

I returned to Tumkur and moved for Extradition proceedings and gave my statement before the local Magistrate.

The District Magistrate was very pleased and declared that the evidence recorded was ample to extradite the 2 accused persons.

I again left in pursuit of the other Pathans who ~~were~~ are at large and made a diligent search in several likely places but could get no information as to their whereabouts. In the absence of reliable information I considered further search unnecessary as it would entail cost and be a waste of time. I have however sent my two informers back to Bombay in order to obtain further clue regarding the whereabouts of the Pathans wanted by us.

I give below their descriptions:-

Sabzada

Pathan of Konhad; height about 5 ' 6"; fair; aged about 30 years; flat nose; blue eyes; Round face; thin built; knows Marathi; Guzerathi and Hindustani besides his native language "Pushtu".

Sudam

Pathan of Konhad; height about 5' 10"; aged about 30 years; scar of a bullet on the neck behind the left ear; prominent nose; long face; wheat coloured; ordinary built; knows Pushtu and a little of Hindustani.

Syeda Jan

Syeda Jan.

Pathan of Konhad; height about 5" 11"; Brown complexioned; well built; bears a bullet mark on the right thigh and limps a little; aged about 30 years.

Mir Afzal.

Pathan of Peshawar District; height over 6 feet; very fair; well built; aged about 55 years.

In conclusion I beg to submit that the cordial cooperation of the Sholapur Sub Inspector Messrs Shaik Imam and Raje in the case may be kindly recognised.

I am also grateful to Mr. Ghulam Khassim Khan, the C.I.D. Inspector of Simla for having given me an idea of the Pathans in his interesting reports which were kindly sent to me by the Inspector General of Police.

5-3-08 (Signed).B. Abdul Gani.

Oorgaum. Chief Detecive Inspector.

"C O P Y"

Inspector General of Police.

Office of the
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

ON MYSORE GOVERNMENT SERVI

No.

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TO

~~Despatching Clerk.~~

Draft as per orders

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19.5

Read:- S.P.L.

Letter No. 375, dated 8th May 1908, from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, reporting that 3 culprits who were concerned in the dacoity committed in the Sri Narasimhaswami temple at Sibi in the Sira Taluk on the night of the 12th July 1907, were arrested, and property worth nearly Rs 325/- traced out. ~~table~~ zone

No. 5160 : D/21-5-08

Order thereon :-

~~Detective work~~

~~The report is obtained and~~

~~is recorded in the Sibi Taluk~~

Recorded.

1. The promised further report is awaited

18/5/08

Secretary.

To

The Inspector General of Police Mysore.
The Deputy Commr., Tumkur Dt.

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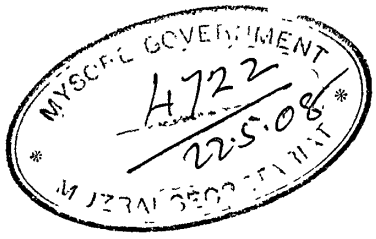

From The Offg Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

To The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department

Dated 11th May 1908

Despatched 21st 2

Received

General No. 624.

No.

Enclosure No.

Stating that the opinion on the recovery of the wood seals at Sibi from the temple servants will be furnished after the finding of the Sessions Judge on the points

Refer
Sl. Please return
22/5/08

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

Dated 11th May 1908.

From. K. Chandy Esqr. B.A.
Acting Deputy Commissioner
Tumkur District

To L. Anantasami Rao Esqr. B.A.
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore
Mouzrai Department.

Sir,

With reference to your no 4853 dated 30th April 1908 requesting me to furnish my opinion about - recovering from the temple Servants at Sibi the Value of the jewels lost in the dacoity committed in the night of the 12th July 1907, I have the honor to state that it appears to be desirable to defer giving an opinion till the Case which is still Subjudice, is

Completed

Completed. The chief Court have called on the accused who has been discharged to show cause why he should not be committed to the Sessions. Three other accused hasvealso been put up before the magistrate. If the cases should go to the Sessions, a finding or opinion of the presiding judge on the point as to whether the temple Servants took all reasonable Care and attention to guard the property or exhibited reasonable Courage to chase the dacoits with the help of the Villagers that had assembled may possibly be recorded. Should no Such finding or opinion be recorded, I Shall furnish my opinion on the material available, as I take it that the responsibility of the temple Servants to make good

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the loss will depend on the answers
given to the above questions.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant

for Deputy Commissioner

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Draft for approval

Murrai

9.6.08

Read:-

Letter No. 624, dated 11th May 1908, from the Deputy Commissioner, Trichinopoly District, reporting with reference to this office No. 4853, dated 30th April 1908, that ~~he recorded proceedings~~ his opinion regarding the recovery from the temple servants of the value of the jewels lost in the recent dacoity committed in the Sri Narasimhaswami temple at Sibi, ~~from the temple servants~~, would be furnished after the case against certain accused persons which is now pending decision in the Sessions Court is completed, ~~and the Sessions Judge records his finding as to whether the temple servants took~~

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Subd. to the 2nd Dr. for approval.

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all reasonable care and precautions to guard the temple property and exhibited reasonable courage to chase the dacoits.—

Order thereon:—

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11/6/1908

~~Approved~~. Recorded

7.15 9.6.08.

Secretary.

W. 9/8/08

9/6/08

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Insein Dt.

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Routine Notes.

[To be used only for notes, requisitions, etc., not intended for permanent record.]

J. 1088.

Letter No. S-B. 186 dated 27-X-08 from the I-G. of Police in Mysore intimating the result in the Siki temple dacoity Case.

Submitted for information. The 1st accused was convicted and Sentenced to 5 years' rigorous imprisonment and the 2nd accused acquitted.

Sd. S.N. 30-10. Subd to the 2nd Ex.

Sd) S.P.R.

To be recorded

Sd) R.P.P. 5-11-08.

Note Should routing notes be written on small slips, the notes must be pasted on this form.

Send this to Mysore Dept At for note and return.

H.S.

Make a Copy of the report

Copy of the report

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Proceedings of the Government of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore

Read:-

Letter No. S. B. 186 dated the 27th October 1908, from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, reporting that the 1st accused Hafizji alias Mahomed Khan concerned in the Sibi temple Dacoity case was convicted under Section 395 I. P. C. and sentenced to 5 years' ~~rig~~ rigorous imprisonment and that the 2nd accused Amir Khan was acquitted.

Order thereon No. J. 1334 dated Bangalore 11th November 1908

R E C O R D E D.

Sd) S. P. Rajagopalachar,

For Secretary.

To.

The Inspector General of Police in Mysore